AIM TO BUY OUR FACTORIES.

UNABLE TO COMPETE. ENGLISHMEN WANT TO SHARE OUR PROFITS.

Invasion by London Capitalists May Be Looked For -No Desire to Change Amerlean Management or Supplant American Workmen-The Reported Union of the Cramps' Firm and Vickers Sons & Maxim

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

LONDON, Dec. 8 .- It may or may not be true that the Cramp Shipbuilding Company and Vickers Sons & Maxim will consolidate, butitis a fact that certain leaders of England's greatest industry are contemplating a radical change of policy which is of the utmost importance to American interests. They realize the hopelessness of competition in certain lines with American manufactures under the present industrial condition of this country. They know also that those conditions can be changed only by a gigantle struggle with the labor unions, which must bring disaster to both sides. They, therefore, are seriously considering the project of buying up the best American enterprises and transferring the greater part of their business to the American factories thus purchased.

This policy involves the confession that American competition is invincible, but it also spells ruin to the industrial interests in several lines of British trade. The question of its advantage or disadvantage to America is a matter of the greatest moment. There is not the slightest doubt that the most enlightened English manufacturers understand far better than the Americans themselves the vast opportunities within reach of the United States for securing a great share of the world's trade. Moreover, Englishmen are accustomed to make plans extending much farther into the future than those of the average American business man.

The effect of these conditions will be that undertake to get control of American enterprises they will be sure to offer tempting and even absurd prices, according to the present valuations. No capitalization in reason, for instance, would be too high to put upon the Cramps shipyards, because there is no limit to the expansion of business which can be undertaken immediately. English capitalists are fully convinced of this, but they hope the American investing public will not realize it.

More than one American concern just launching out in foreign trade is likely soon to be tempted by the offer of a fancy price in British gold, which will be accompanied probably by an invitation to the present management to remain in control. English inventors have far too high an opinion of American brains to think of supplanting them, and, above all, they do not dream of discarding American workmen. In fact, it is the superior intelligence and energy of American skilled labor which chiefly in-English capital to consider the abanbition has the fullest scope and progress is the watchword among employees as well from the carrying out of this design are, of course, the laboring classes of Ergland. How long it will be before their eyes are opened and they abandon their restrictive, ntagonistic fallacies, will depend, of course, American factories by their present employers. It is obvious, however, that the and the present unexampled opportunities for American trade in the English markets

The immediate question for Americans is, Shall English apital secure a large share of the vast profits of American enterprise

ENGAGED 91 YEARS; TOO OLD TO MARRY Retired Policeman of 63 Sued by the Lady

of His Longe tgo Choice. 44 years old and Margaret M. Lynch was 17 he promised to marry her, as she says. Now he is 65 and retired with a roundsman's pension and she has sued him for \$10,000 for breach of promise. McCormick gave \$500 ball under an order of arrest which was issued by Justice McCarthy of the City Court on Miss Lynch's amdavit that the ex-policeman has recently drawn \$7,000 from the bank and sold a piece of realty worth from \$10,000 to \$20,000, with which amount he was about to go to Ireland to die

Miss Lynch declares that in 1879, when she nd McCormick became engaged, her father, John Lynch, was opposed to their marriage and the wedding day was deferred till they and the wedding day was deferred till they could get his consent or he had died. In 1888 McCormick went to live with the Lynch family and he lived with them until toward the close of 1896. The father never relented, but died in August, 1896. Soon after the funeral, the plaintiff says, McCormick told her to consider herself his and not to have other company, as he intended to marry her about Christmas of that year. Farly in December of that year, she asked about Christmas of that year. Early in December of that year, she asserts, she asked McCormick to name a definite time so she could make preparations for the event, but he toid her to consider the marriage off.

When Miss Lynch asked his reason for the breach of promise she says McCormick told her that he was too old to be getting married. John M. Lynch, brother of the plaintiff, makes an affidavit in which he says he went to see McCormick about the refusal to marry his sister and McCormick also told him that he felt he was aging and that the lady should not insist on the marriage.

MURDERER BULLOCK DEAD.

Received When Caught. colored, the convicted murderer of Chief of Police Walsh of Freehold, N. J., died in of Police Waish of Freehold, N. J., died in Police Waish of Freehold, N. J., died in Police wounds inflicted by the detectives when they captured him on Dec. 5, pained him last night and apparently desiring to die, he tore the bandages from them. Gov. Tyler to-day granted extradition papers to Sheriff Davis who meant to convey Bullock to Freehold. While the Sheriff was on his way from Richmond with these papers Bullock died.

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ENGLAND AND THE CANAL TREATY. SANTA FE STRIKE SPREADS. Preparation of the Public Mind for a Full Concession of Our Claims.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. LONDON, Dec. 8 .- There is not the slightest sign of public interest in England in the pend-Hay-Pauncefote treaty. The press, with one or two exceptions, gives little space to the Senate proceedings and talk of the danger of offending England to the point of war if the United States insist on fortifying the canal does not cause even an echo of resentment on this side of the Atlantic The only public allusion here is a leader in the Times throwing cold water on the whole scheme of a canal. Perhaps a truer interpretation would be that it is intended to prepare the public for a full concession to the American claims when the proper moment

arrives. For instance, the Times says: "It is sometimes assumed that British trade with the East would follow the projected route, but to Calcutta the voyage would be 0,000 miles longer by way of Nicaragua than by way of Suez, to Hong Kong 4,000 miles, Yokohama 800 miles, and Melbourne 1,600 miles. Add to this that the dues at Suez are far lower than Nicaragua could possibly afford to charge and that the Suez route is infinitely better provided with coaling stations it will then appear that the great currents of British trade are little likely to pass through the Nicaragua Canal. There is considerable trade with Chill and other States on the Pacific slope, but it is carried in sailing vessels which cannot use the Nicaragua Canal because at both ends of it they would be in belts of calms called doldrums and there are reasons which shippers understand well enough why a transfer to steam vessels is unlikely It is rather sad to think that such a striking correction of nature may fail to pay its way. but these objections are serious and have not yet received all the attention they merit."

HORACE J. HAYDEN'S DEATH. Probably Accidental. Although He Was in Great Trouble About His Son.

The Coroner's inquest into the death of Horace J Hayden, Second Vice-President of the New York Central Railroad, who was killed on Friday night by falling from a fourthstory window at his home, 337 West Six ty-six th street, will be held next Friday. There was no witness of what happened. The friends of Mr. Hayden are sure that his death was due to accident and Coroner Fitzpatrick, who has the case, is inclined to coincide with them, if British manufacturers and capitalists The Coroner in his investigations leaned out of the window from which Mr. Hayden fell and he said afterward that he himself almost lost his balance. The sill is not higher than the knees and if one were slightly over-balanced, the Coroner said that it would be

the knees and if one were slightly overbalanced, the Coroner said that it would be hard to recover oneselt.

While Mr. Hayden's mind was not unbalanced, the shock to him resulting from the trouble his son John P. Hayden brought on the family was so great as to incapalitate him for business. His son was arrested on July 2 by Gerry Agent Cole on the complaint of the twelve-year-old daughter of Agron Eckstein of 76 West 102d street. On a lea of guilty he was fined \$500. His father paid the fine and sent him off to Eurote. Since then Eckstein has brought two suits against the young man, one for \$20,000 in the Supreme Court for the loss of his daughter's services, and the other in the City Court in the girl's name for \$2,000 damages.

All this was a great blow to the father. He was not well anyway, and after the scandal he did not go back to his duties. He was about the house and saw his friends, but he was not the same man.

SURVEY OF THE HEAVENS.

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D. O. Mills Promises \$24.000 to Ald Prof. Campbell in His Spectroscopic Work.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 8 .- D. O. Mills of New York, who founded the chair of philosophy n the University of California and who gave a fine spectograph to Lick Observatory, has omised to give \$24,000 to meet the expenses of the two years' expedition of Prof. W. W. Campbell and assistants to the Southern Hemisphere for spectroscopic work. Campbell's work with the spectrograph has been

bell's work with the spectrograph has been recognized by American and foreign astronomers as the most remarkable ever done, and this generous gift will enable him to complete his observations of the heavens.

The object of the expedition is to study the movements of stars in the line of sight. Already this work has been done at Lick Observatory for about three-fourths of the sky. Two years' work at the observing station south of the equator will complete the first general survey ever made of the heavens for this purpose. The information acquired will be of the greatest importance in connection with the problems of the movement of the solar system through space and the true constitution of the universe. By use of the great spectrograph presented by D. O. Mills several years ago the Lick Observatory has done the most remarkable spectroscopic work the world has ever known. Acting Director W. W. Campbell will at once begin the preparations for the expedition.

TWENTY-SEVEN TONS IN MIDAIR. Hoisting a Steel Roller Bed to the Top of a Bridge Tower.

With the aid of heavy steel block and falls

the first of the four roller beds upon which will rest the saddles of the Williamsburg tower of the new East River Bridge was raised yesterday. When the other three have been placed in position the work of raising the saddles will be started. Each roller bed weighs twenty-seven tons. When the saddies are in place work on the foot bridges will begin. There will be four foot bridges, each eight feet wide, and they will be connected together and be supported by twelve cables of twisted wire rore, each rope being 2½ inches in diameter. These rores will extend from one anchorage over both towers to the anchorage on the Manhattan side. The saddles for the foot bridge cables will be framed of timber and placed outside of the steel saddles for the permanent cables. The cables will be strung by machinery so that the work on them, which the workmen will have to perform from the foot bridges will be largely in adjusting the cable wires in nosition and binding the wires together. The foot bridges will have heavy steel guys extending from the towers to act as ties to keep the foot bridge steady in the wind. These bridges will cost \$100.000, and their usefulness will be confined entirely to the erection of the main cables. After that they will be removed.

SHOT BY AN ENRAGED PATHER.

Tries to Kill a Man Who Enticed Him to Meet His Own Daughters in Carousal.

OMARA, Neb., Dec. 8. - The police have Dr. J. J. Soloman, a well-known Omaha physician, on the rack trying to force him to tell what he knows of a tragedy that occurred in this city last night. The affair is the sequel to a visit of a Council Bluffs man to Omaha at the invitation of an acquaintance to meet two young women. They entered a house at Sixteenth and Harney streets and immediately a shot was heard and the Omaha man staggered out with a bullet in his breast. The Council Bluffs man had a shocking sur-prise. The two Omaha girls he was to meet proved to be his own daughters, each side being ignorant of the other's identity until

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the climax.

Then the father, enraged beyond all power
of control, drew a pistol and attempted to
kill the man who had gone so far as to invite
a father to meet his own daughters for a
carousal. The wounded man rushed to a
carriage and was driven to the residence
of Dr. Soloman.

This much the physician admits He
tells the story of the occurrences leading
up to the shooting, but he refuses to give
the police the name of the injured man or
the name of the man who did the shooting.

Fire Commissioner Objected. Christmas tree permit was granted to Supt. B. of E. Church, with the provision that no candles be d. "Light it by electric batteries. United States ttery Co., 258 Broadway, can do it "—Adu.

TELEGRAPHERS ALONG THE ENTIRE SYSTEM CALLED OUT.

The Texas Movement to Bring the Company to Terms Now Takes in the Entire System -- Trains Seem to Be Moving Along All Right Despite the Order to Strike.

GALVESTON, Tex., Dec. 8-In consequence f the non-agreement of the management of the Gulf, Colorado and Sante Fé Railroad and President Dolphin of the Order of Railway Telegraphers on the wage scale and rule regulating the hours of employment of the telegraphers, President Dolphin issued an order calling out at noon to-day 700 men of the order employed on the Atlantic and Pacific divisions west of Albuquerque.

Scarcely had President Dolphin received notice that his order had been complied with before he issued another order calling out the 1,500 men of the order in the employ of the Atchison and Topeka and Santa Fe systems, At 9 P. M., it is asserted, by President Dolphin, that more than 2,200 telegraphers are out and from despatches he is constantly receiving from various places on the Santa Fé, he says that the tie-up is complete and that the operators will remain out until their demands for a more equitable wage and less hours of employment are complied with.

The effect of the strike is scarcely apparent. All trains are arriving and departing on schedule time. The places of the striking operators are being rapidly filled and General Manager Polk asserted to-night that all stations on the line between Galveston and Purcell, and all branches of the Gulf. Colorado and Santa Fé would be fully manned by to-morrow night. He exhibited a telegram from General Superintendent Nixon at Cleburne that he had "tran-ferred twentyone stations to new agents and agents had

remained at eleven." Dolphin is confident that the telegraphers General Manaker Polk late to-night cave out

this statement outlining the strike situation on the Guif, colorado and Santa Fe road;

"The situation to-day is very materially improved on both the nor hern and southern divisions, a great many more men being at work. Thee hun red loaded cars were inoved out of cleburne during the twenty-four hours ending at midright la t night. We have thirty-one cars of stock from San Angelo for Kanas (ity and St. Louis, which is making executent time. Thirty-lwe freight trains were run on the Northern division, all of which are moving promptly. No congetion whatever exists in any yard on either division.

"Some lawlessness is beginning to crop out, as evidenced by the following telegram that I have received from Divi ion Supt. Scott: Mob at Santa Anna run Travelling Auditor Brown out of town, Will communitate with Sh riff. W. B. Scott: To this telegram I replied: If the local authorities at Santa Anna and other points on the road connet protect our men sent out to relieve agents and operators who will not work from the lawless assaults of holes advise me promptly and will take other means to have it done. this statement outsining the strike situation on

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"I feel a tisfied that the local authorities will exhaust every means at their commend to protect both our men and property and their failure to no so at San'a Anna was doubtless due to the act that Coleman being the county set of that county the Sheriff was not advised in time to take necessary action in the premises.

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"Ifeel confident that the other lines in the system are quite as well prepared to and will take care of themselves as well as this road is doing, and in that event it is safe to assume that there will be but little if any interruption to traffic, either freight or passenger.

Dallas, Tex., Dec. s.—Ine Guif, Colorado and Same Fe strike is spreading in Texas. There is a rumor that the conductors, firemen, switchmen and yard forces generally are going to join the operators in a sympathetic strike to-morrow morning. The strike leaders declare that the entire system will be tied up by to-morrow night. An important meeting is being held at Cleburne to-night to take decisive action.

It is also said that the engineers are likely to quit work at the same time the other forces do. Committees are in Dallas to-night planning to extend the strike. It is asserted that the railroad management is laying off freight train crews and that the trainmen have other grievances which they will demand be ad-justed.

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The officials of the company, on the other hand, say that the traffic of the system is not suffering. So far passenger trains have arrived at Dallas approximately on schedule time
TOPEKA, Kan., Dec. 8.—Uneasiness is manifest along the whole Sante Fé system as a result of the strike of the granders on the Gulf, colorado and Sante Fé. Trouble is looked for on the road proper, as is evident by General Manager Mudge's order on Friday to suspend all work not absolutely necessary to the actual running of trains in case of a strike. A runor is current that the then are presented to strike in sympathy if the strike on the Gulf line is not a tiled within twenty-four hours. The situation is the same on the Santa Fé lines west of Albuquerque.

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A Santa I é official said to-night:

"A contract entered into and executed between the operators on the Santa Fé. Pacific, Southern california and San Francisco and San Joaquin valley roads within the past two weeks is only to be cancelled on thirt days notice. It cannot be violated by the telegraphers except at the sacrifice of their integrity. The only cause that could be assigned for a strike on these lines would be one of sympathy. Just now the freight traffic of the Santa Fé is pissnown the freight traffic of the Santa Fé is pissnown the freight traffic of the Santa Fé is pissnown to the Santa Fé system.

1,300 operators, along the entire system, are idle to-night. They quit at 3 oclock this afternoon. General Chairman J. A. Newman of the Santa Fé telegraphers in this city issued this statement:

"All Agents and Onerators, Santa Fe System: In accordance with the action of your committee and by the laws of our organization, on this date you will cease work and hereafter refuse to perform any duty until the said strike is declared off by me, personally, and notice of settlement of all grievances acknowledged. You will turn your boards red for the protection of life and property in your possession. This action is made necessary to secure for you reasonable compensation and conditions for service. All train despatchers, clerks and other employees are earnestly requested to give us their assistance. J. A. Newman."

National President Dolplain issued this statement to Mr. Newman as describing the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fé operators' grievances:

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Guif, Colorado and Santa Fé operators' grievances:

"We protest against the proposed elimination of twelve stations for schedule and proposed reduction in wages at mineteen other stations. To avoid the strike our committee agreed to accept Santa Fé rules amended by providing for eight consecutive hours' rest in each twenty-four, excepting in cases of emergency. The clause derriving men of a hearing when discharged for insubordination was also to be eliminated. Another demand made was that there was not to be any reduction in wages at any of the stations for the present."

CHICAGO, Dec. 8.—Officials here of the Atchi-son, Topeka and Santa Fé system estimate that 50 per cent of the telegraphers on the asstem, or shout 60, are out. The operators assert that to per cent., or nearly 1 100, quit

work.
The strike is called in sympathy with the Operators, tumbering 120, n the Gull branch of the Santa Fé system, who have been on a strike he Santa Fe system, who have been out to-day in ce Thursday.

As a on as the telegrapiers went out to-day he railroad officials immediately sent out an order laying off 25 per cent of its forces employed in car shops along the system. These nen will be without work so long as the railroad system suffers through the strike of the elegraphers.

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The first train leaving Chi ago after the strike was ordered was the passenger train leaving Chicago at 6 P. M. This train was sent out in two sections. The first section consisted of a "dummy," an engine and c boose. This section is the arry and in the caboose were Supt. F. T. Dolan and a number of operators.

The "dummy" made at ps. at all stations to turn the red signal boards. At the principal and crossing stations where the men were out operators were left in charge. The second section of the train, acqually the regular passinger train, followed the "dummy." Train orders were entire mentalions and between the stations where operators are on duty.

Centre of American Metropolis is Grand Central Station of the New York Central in \$24 Street. You can reach it in from half a minute to fifteen minutes from 77 New York hotels, \$5 clubs and \$1 theatrex.—Ads. James Shields, a Nephew of the Late Marcus Daly, Seriously Wounded.

MISSOULA, Mon., Dec. 8.-James Shields, a bookkeeper, was shot in the back at 9 o'clock this morning by his wife. The bullet lodged in the muscles of the back and was extracted by a surgeon, who said that the wound was not necessarily dangerous. Mr. Shields is a nephew of the late Marcus Daly and Mrs. Shields is the daughter of respected parents who live in Bonner.

Mr. and Mrs. Shields have not been living together happily for years. Yesterday she went to Bonner to visit her mother. She returned last night and Shields discovered her at the Gem Theatre and tried to induce her to return home, but she refused. Later she was taken home by a policeman.

She says that Shields took her by the throat and kicked her out, and she spent the renainder of the night at the Missoula Hotel. Early this morning she went to a second-hand store, borrowed a bulldog revolver, and after purchasing cartridges called at the store where Shields is employed and asked him to come out. They walked up the street to their apartments. Soon afterward they reappeared on the street, walking down Higgins avenue. When Shields started to leave her she whipped out the revolver and fired two shots in rapid succession, one of which took effect as described. Shields ran over to the Higgins block for medical attention, and Mrs. Shields continued down the avenue with revolver in hand, till opposite the Higgins block, where she was arrested by Sheriff Violett and escorted to jail.

NEGRO LYNCHED IN GEORGIA. He Had Assaulted a White Woman, and Was

Compelled to Jump From a Trestle. ROME, Ga., Dec. 8 .- Mrs. Joseph White, the wife of a planter living at Early, this co nty, was a victim on Thursday last of a most atroclous assault. Her assailant, Bud Rufus a burly negro and ex-convict, explated his crime at the hands of a mob, who forced him to kill himself on Friday night

by fumping from a railway trestle. The assault was committed in an old field near the house. The negro approached her, and after trying to assault her crushed her skull with a jagged rock. She was found several hours later by her husband and little children, who gave the alarm. Her body and face were mutilated almost beyond

children, who gave the sharm. Her body and face were mutilated almost beyond recognition and her clothes were hanging to her body in threads.

Later, Rufus was arrested on suspicion. He was taken to Mrs. White's bedside, but she was unconscious and unable to identify him. He was then tried before a Justice of the Peace and remanded to jail. He was to have been brought to Rome on the evening train, but just before the train arrived Mrs. White regained consciousness and accused Rufus of the crime. The news of the accusation spread rapidly, and as the train pulled in a large mob rushed to the station and demanded the prisoner.

The officers refused and were threatened with death unless the prisoner was given over and they released him.

The mob then took the negro to a nearby trestle. A rope was procured and one end was tied around his neck, the other around a bridge beam. The negro was asked if he wished to make any statement, and he coolly replied: "Nothing except good-by to my relatives and you gentlemen." He was then ordered to jump from the trestle.

He did so without hesitation. The rope broke and he fell into a ravine. He was riddled with bullets. He was taken from the ravine and kid alongside the railroad track. The following notice was pinned to his clothing:

"This srim spectre is a warning to both track. The following notice was pinned to his clothing: "This grim spectre is a warning to both whites and blacks who commit this crime; their fate will be the same."

RECOVER \$5.000 IN STOLEN CLOTH Police Get the Clue From Two Padded Men -They Met in the Bowery.

Detectives Martin and McCarthy of the matter unless he would make a complaint. near First street yesterday. The detectives took them to the station and investigated ring, but who the police say is Charles Parkman, they found four pairs of boys' readymade trousers. The other, who said that he was Harry Wassman, had three finished waistcoats.

got their padding and the police made search of the complaints of thefts from clothing manufacturers at Police Headquarters. They found that Cohen Brothers, J. Friedman and Livingston & Co. of 715, 717 and 719 Broadway had lost a great deal of clothing and cloth lately.

The clothing found on the two men arrested was taken to these people. Cohen Brothers claimed the trousers and Livingston & Co. claimed the waistcoats. The police learned that Herring, or Parkman, was formerly an elevator man in the Broadway building in which the thefts have occurred.

The police scared him into a statement that he had robbed the building systematically with the aid of the present elevator man. Edward Katzenburg of 385 East Fifty-seventh street. The detectives got Katzenburg. Then they went out among a list of pawn shops supplied by Herring and found about \$5,000 worth of cloth in bolts which had been pawned by Herring and his friends. The police and the clothing manufacturers believe that the amount of the robberies will foot up nearly \$15,000. manufacturers at Police Headquarters

STOOD UP FOR THE DUKE

to Cincinnati Newspaper Fun. CINCINNATI, Dec. 8.-Mr. Eugene Zimmer-man this afternoon said he had not seen his daughter, the Duchess of Manchester, and the Duke to-day as he had left home this morning to attend to business before they had appeared for breakfast. Mr. Zimmerman showed his first lack of self-control when a reporter for a local newspaper approached him. This newspaper had printed several articles poking fun at the Duke and his conquest of an American heiress. Mr. Zimmerman said to the reporter that he was surprised that any newspaper would treat a person of the Duke's station in life in such a manner.

the Duke's station in life in such a manner. He said he would call at the newspaper office for an explanation. Mr. Zimmerman quickly recovered his usual serentty of temper, for although he called at the newspaper office he only said:

"The Duke is a thorough gentleman and is entitled to courtesy everywhere. I understand the situation and as long as no malice is shown I have nothing to say."

The Duke and Duchess shortly after noon were driven in the Zimmerman family brougham to the Clifton golf links. The Duke spent the afternoon on the links while the Duchess and Miss Helena Evans took a long drive through the suburbs. To-night the Duche and Duchess attended the riding club entertainment, of which club the Duchess is a member of long standing.

KILLED BY "APPETITE BILL" hicago Sporting Man Shoots the Propriete of a Seattle Gambling Place.

ion, probably better known as "Appetite Bill," a resident of Chicago, and one of the best-known sporting men in the United States, this morning at & o'clock shot and killed Edward B. Shanks, proprietor of the killed Edward B. Shanks, proprietor of the California Club, a gambling house at 121 Washington street. Five shots were fired, three by Langdon and two by Shanks. As it was in the private office no one witnessed the shooting. Langdon says Shanks fired first, and that it was his life or the other man's. Policeman Tripp says Shanks made a statement just before he died that Langdon shot first. The latter declines to make any statement relative to the nature of their trouble. Shanks was a native of St. Louis and 36 years old. He left a widow and mother, residents of St. Louis

Prince Albert No. 2.

SHOT IN THE BACK BY HIS WIFE. THE SENTINEL A SUICIDE.

ASTOR BATTERY MAN, GUN IN HAND. HOLDS UP FIVE MEN.

Two of Them Detectives -He Backs Them Against a Sixth Avenue House and Kills Himself in Front of Them - They Had Followed Him to Prevent It.

Theatregoers who had got off the cars at Sixth avenue and Forty-second street about 7:45 o'clock last night saw a woman come running up Sixth avenue from Fortyfirst street shricking and endeavoring to attract the attention of Policemen Hassemiller and Lewes, who stood on the corner The policemen didn't wait until the woman had reached them. As she turned and pointed down Sixth avenue, they started on a run in that direction with the crowd

after them. On the southwest corner of Sixth avenue and Forty-first street were five men backed up against the Forty-first street wall of the building, looking into the muzzle of a revolver which a young man pointed first at one and then at another. As the crowd came up behind the two policemen one of the men against the wall took a step forward and made a motion with his arm. Instantly the re-volver swept the length of the line until it pointed at him, while the man who held it shouted:

"Damn you, get back there!" The menaced man stepped back. The man with the gun had his back toward the approaching policemen. Some one gave a cry and he, still keeping the revolver pointed toward the five men, turned when the policemen were within ten feet of him, and saw them. Before they could cover that distance even to reach his arm with their night sticks he had put the pistol close to his own temple and fired. The crowd cried out as he fell to the sidewalk, which for ten feet around him was covered with his blood.

The five men who had been his prisoners started forward as he fell, but several of them were sick from fright. Two of them were Central Office Detectives Reidy and Armstrong, who had followed the man who had shot himself for a distance of a block trying to prevent him from killing himself. All the way through the block from Broadway he had ke t the two men at a distance, and at the corner he had pinned them up against the wall with three other men.

The suicide was Philip Sondheim, who for the past three months has been living at the Criterion Hotel at Broadway and Fortyfirst street. Sondhelm was 28 years old and was a lawyer. Since taking up his residence at the hotel, however, according to those about the place last night, he had done very little business and yet had money. Most of his time was passed in the hotel and neighboring ones, where he spent money freely in providing a good time for himself and those whom he met. His brother Solomon and two sisters live at the Vendome Hotel, which is directly opposite the Criterion and all seemed to be on good terms until Philip began to make threats about killing himself. This was about a week ago it was said at the hotel last night.

According to the stories told there Sondheim has had the idea of suicide constantly since then and frequently spoke to his brother of it. A week ago he got a check for \$5,000 cashed and began to drink heavily. Then he began talking suicide in every place he went into. He seemed so much in earnest that his brother, two days ago, went to the West Thirtieth street police station and told the police of the threats he was making. The police said they had no power in the

All day Friday Sondheim was about the hotel corridors declaring his intention to kill himself and asserting that Saturday night would see him out of the world.

Detectives Armstrong and Reldy make the Criterion Hotel their headquarters at night and they were among those who heard Sondheim talk suicide. They also heard him say he would kill himself on Saturday night. Both of them knew Sondhelm. They were inclined to treat the matter as a joke at first. Sondheim was in his room yesterday afternoon and when he came out about 7 o'clock Reidy and Armstrong were standing in front of the hotel. One of them asked

Sondheim where he was going. "I think I'll go and kill myself," Sondhelm said, and started to walk leisurely toward

Sixth avenue. The detectives walked along beside him and urged him not to talk so foolishly. Sondheim told them he was going to kill himself anyway.

When they had got across the street and were only a few doors east of the Vendome Hotel he suddenly jumped ahead of them and turning around so that he faced them he pulled out the pistol. "I said I was going to do it to-night and

I am," he cried. With the revolver pointed at the two men he backed them over to Sixth avenue. At the corner one of the detectives asked him to look down a cellar way, pretending that a man had fallen down there. It was done to get Sondheim off his guard, but it didn't work, for he backed the two men up against the wall with three others who had come running up,

and he kept them there until the interruption came from another quarter. Solomon Sondheim came up as his brother's body still lay on the pavement. Turning to one of the detectives he was heard to say: "Well, you see what it's done. One kind word would have stopped this whole busi-

Sondheim's body was taken to the West Thirtieth street station house and there it was searched. In his clothes were found nine letters, all stamped and addressed. The police refused to give out the addresses of these. There was also \$9 in money. The revolver had the mark on it of the Astor Battery. Sondheim had been a member of the battery and went to the Philippines

A porter at the Criterion Hotel said last light that Sondheim had tried to kill himself on Friday night in his room. His aim was poor and the builet went through a panel Detectives Armstrong and Reidy refused

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to tell what they know about the case or make any statement whatsoever. Capt. McClusky, they said, was the only man to see about it.

ORDERS TO THE KENTUCKY.

The Big Battleship Directed to Leave Smyrna, Turkey, for Manila. WASHINGTON, Dec. 8 .- Secretary Long today cabled orders to Capt. Colby M. Chester of the battleship Kentucky to proceed from Smyrna. Turkey, to Manila. The Kentucky went to Smyrna under instructions to remain five days, but the length of her stay main five days, but the length of her stay was extended indefinitely at Capt. Chester's auggestion. It is believed here that the order of the Sultan for the payment of the Armenian indemnity under cover of a payment to the Cramps for a cruiser was the result of the Kentucky's visit to Smyrna. The officials are disappointed, however, that the contract for the cruiser has not been signed. Capt. Chester was directed by Secretary Long to make a full report by making the visit of the Kentucky to Smyrna and by personal visit to the Sultan at Constantinople.

eager for Evans' Ale, threw tea overboard. Edu

YOUNG SHOPLIFTER'S PLUNGE.

Girl Jumps From a Third-Story Window to Avoid Arrest Slightly Hurt. Mrs. Marie Lloyd, the detective in Koch's dry goods store in West 125th street, saw roung girl take a velvet hat from one of the

counters last night and place it under her The detective took the girl to the cloak. firm's offices on the third floor in the rear of the building, where she was searched. hat, which was valued at \$1.98, was found on her. The girl said she was Laura Swinson, 13

years old, and that she was employed as a servant by a family at 163 East 117th street The detective locked the girl in one of the ompartments of the offices used for visitors while she went for one of the members of the firm, Edward V. Koch. While she was gone the girl opened one of the windows jumped to the yard, a distance of forty-five feet. She struck on a fence and tumbled to the pavement.

When the detective returned to the room with Mr. Koch she looked out the window and saw the girl lying in the yard. She was moaning, but conscious. They carried her into the store, where it was found that outside of a few bruises she had only sustained a slight sprain of the ankle.

She was arrested by Roundsman McCue and taken to the East 126th street station and from there sent to the Gerry society's rooms.

TO CHECK COCAINE DRUNKENNESS. Instructions to the New Orleans Police to

Stop Use of the Drug. NEW ORLEANS, La., Dec. 8 -- Chief of Police Caster to-day issued instructions to the police to arrest all persons dealing illegally in cocaine or suffering from cocaine drunkenness. The order said: "The constant use of cocaine has assumed large and serious proportions and is daily increasing to such an extent as to be a menace to public health. You are directed to notify the force under your command to use extreme diligence n enforcing the city ordinance against the use of cocaine and to make arrests. This menace is general throughout the city. This order must be strictly adhered to, and you will make written reports to this office of each offender arrested and from whom the drug was purchased, whether from a druggist or pedler."

The complaints against the abuse of cocaine have been very loud for some time, housands of persons, mainly negroes, using the drug and injuring themselves physically and mentally by it. Some drug stores confine themselves almost wholly to the sale of cocaine, but the bulk of it is sold by pedlers in either peliets or in powder to mix with wine. Under instructions from the Mayor and Council the police will try to break up the abuse and banish cocaine from New Orleans.

STORM SIGNALS UP.

Chief Moore Gives Warning of a Southwest Storm Coming From the Northwest.

Chief Willie Moore of the Weather Bureau sent out from Washington last night to all stations between Sandy Hook and Eastport, Me . a notification to "hoist southwest storm warnings," accompanied with the information that the storm was central last night over eastern Lake Superior and was moving east. It will be felt hereabouts early this morning. An easterly gale will shift to southeast and finally to southwest and west tonight.

PROSPERITY IN NEBRASKA. The State Has Paid Up \$4.000,000 in Back Taxes in Four Years.

Neb., Dec. 8 .- A flatter nished by the biennial report of the State Treasurer, made to the Governor to-day. Four years ago there were \$7,000,000 of back taxes due; to-day there are only \$8,000,000 unpaid and these represent the sums owing by paid and these represent the sums owing by men who left the State in the hard times. Four years ago 5 per cent. State warrants were selling at 94 and 95 cents; to-day 4 per cent. warrants command a premium of 1 per cent. Four years ago there was less than \$100,000 in the Treasury and the State was \$2,000,000 behind on its general fund warrants. To-day the balance on hand is \$615,000 and the floating indebtedness has been reduced to \$524,000.

The Treasury recommends that in view of the prosperous conditions and the growth of the State that the levy be increased from five to seven mills and the interest on State warrants be reduced to \$ per cent.

EX-SLAVES PENSION FRAUD. Another Big Petition Said to Be on Its Way to the President.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Dec. S .- Another largely signed petition is on the way from Mississippi of Congress providing for pensions for former slaves. The ex-slave pension craze is stronger among the negroes of Mississippi stronger among the negroes of Mississippi than those of any other Southern State, and it is estimated that 20,000 of them have been mulcted of their hard-earned money by the willy negroes who are promoting the movement. No less than a dozen agents of the ex-slave pension operators have been sent to the Federal Penitentiary from Mississippi during the last year for impersonating a Federal officer and getting money from the negroes for the ex-slave pension act. But this seems to have had no effect upon the fraud.

OSWALD OTTENDORPER VERY LOW. At One Time Yesterday It Was Feared That the End Was at Hand.

Ottendorfer, proprietor of the Staate Zeitung, gathered yesterday at the aged editor's gathered yesterday at the aged editor's bedside in his home at 150 Central Park South, believing that he had only a few hours to live. He has recently undergone a surgical operation. At 8 o'clock last night the editor's physician said there was a marked improvement in the patient's condition and that he would probably get along nicely during the night.

Herman Ridder, Mr. Ottendorfer's son-in-law, said later that Mr. Ottendorfer was conscious and that his condition was much improved

Cathoric Pilgrims Waylaid in the Mountains Near San Juan de Los Lagos.

SAN LUIS POTOSI, Mexico, Dec. 8. - A party of Catholic pilgrims who were on their way from San Luis Potosi to San Juan de Los Lagos were attacked by a band of brigands in the mountains near the latter place and three of the travellers were killed. All were robbed of their valuables. The surviving members of the party have just arrived at San Juan de Los Lagos and notified the authorities of the robbery.

ASTORS BUY THE CHIMNEY CORNER. Purchase the Last of a Block Front in Sixth

The John Jacob Astor estate has bought the northeast corner of Sixth avenue and Twenty-fifth street, 25x75, known as the Chimney Correr. The Astor estate now owns the entire block front on Sixth avenue, between Twenty-fifth and Twenty-eixth streets.

From New York, Roy all Blue five hour trains, leave foot of Liberty street, 11:30 A. M., 1:00 P. M., and the "Hoyal Limited"—no excess fare—at 8:40 P. M. Other fast solid trains at 8:00, 10:00 A. M., 1:30, 5:00, 7:00 P. M. and 12:15 night. Leave South Ferry 5 minut-searlier. Best dining and cafe car service in the world.—Adv. in these days of microbes the wise man will distrust Croton and pin his faith to the ture carbonated water manufactured by Carl H. Schulta

To Washington in Five Hours.

DIVER'S FATAL PLUNGE

STARK WAS UNNERVED BECAUSE OF HIS PIANCEE'S FUNERAL.

At Full Speed on His Hicycle He Dived Inte a Tank at the Amateur Circus -In Mis Nervous Condition He Miscalculated the Distance and Was Instantly Killed.

Joseph D. Stark, a trick bicycle rider and liver, whose feat of riding down an inclined plane on a bicycle and diving from a height of forty feet into a shallow tank, was to have been the feature of the amateur circus at the Twenty-second Regiment Armory yesterday afternoon, was instantly killed during the performance as the result of the dive he undertook to make. Owing to nervousness. the result, it is said, of attending the funeral of his flancée only a few hours before, Stark apparently miscalculated the distance of his dive and plunged into the water at the end instead of the middle of the tank. His head struck the bottom of the tank and his skull was fractured. The accident was witnessed by 3,000 people, all of whom were filled with Stark's sister was among the spectators and fainted when she saw her brother

plunge to his death. Stark was 25 years old and for the last five years he has been giving exhibitions of trick bleycle riding and diving, none of which was as daring as that he undertook to give yesterday. For the last week he and his partner, Harry Farrell, have been performing at Proctor's Theatre under the management of Alexander Duchemin of 835 Park avenue. When the amateur circus was planned Duchemin was selected as manager and he secured Farrell and Stark, whose diving feat was to close each performance, the two taking turns at it. Farrell's exhibition was given Friday night and was suc-

cessful. The inclined plane from which the dive was made is at the southern end of the armory It is 50 feet high at the start and is 200 feet long, the end of it being 40 feet from the ground. Thirty-five feet from the end of the inclined plane is the tank, which is 50 feet long and only 8 feet deep. The exhibition which Farrell gave successfully the night before and which Stark attempted yesterday, consisted of riding at full speed down the inclined plane and diving into the tank. The bicycle was caught in a net as it dropped from the end of the inclined plane.

Stark's turn to perform this feat came about & o'clock in the afternoon, at the close of the show. The girl to whom he was engaged died two days ago and the funeral. which Stark attended, took place yesterday forenoon. Stark was visibly affected and his friends who heard of his intention to perform his diving feat in the afternoon were amazed. Several of them attempted to dissuade him from attempting it in the state in which he was, but Stark refused to listen to them. When he appeared at the circus the nervousness which he had shown at the funeral had grown on him and those who were with him noticed it with a feeling of great uneasiness. When a remark was made about it in Stark's presence he only laughed.

"Oh, I'm all right," he said, and went of to put on his costume, which consisted of a sweater, tights and white slippers. In this costume Stark mounted to the top of the inclined plane and got on his wheel. When the signal was given he was off with a dourish of the band as an accompaniment. Then those who were watching saw a dive they never will forget. Instead of striking the tank at the end nearest to him the momentum attained was such that the body of the diver was seen to go over not only the intervening and strike the water at its farthest end. The distance covered had been 85 feet and a cry of astonishment went up from the hundreds

who were watching. Those who realized how shallow the tank was and what it meant to strike that part of it sent up a cry of horror. Stark's sister sat directly opposite, with Farrell, his partner. he involuntarily rose from his seat. Stark's sister followed him. They reached the tank only a second or two after the diver had plunged in.

The water was murky and they could not see the bottom, nor did they see the diver rise to the surface which the spectators were expecting. In response to a cry for aid from Farrell, W. F. McLaughlin, a member of the regiment, and John Haskell of 579 Eagle ave nue, an attendant, ran up and both jumped into the tank. A moment later Haskeli appeared with Stark's body in his arms The diver's head was bleeding and the sight made many who were watching feel deathly sick. Stark's sister fainted. The crowd started from their seats and made for the tank. A call was sent for a policeman and he had hard work clearing a space about the tank. Dr. Hooker of Roosevelt Hospital, who came in response to a hurry call, pronounced Stark dead and said he had been killed instantly. His body was taken to the West Sixty-eighth street station, where it was claimed by his sister. The latter lives at 133 West Forty-first street and Stark, when in this city, lived with her. Duchemin, Stark's manager, accompanied the body to the station house and was placed under arrest. The Coroner, after making an investigation of the accident, paroled Duche-

810 FOR A BUNCH OF ROSES.

min on his promise to appear at the inquest

Industry at His Boyhood's Home. BINGHAMTON, N. Y., Dec. S .-- A short distance from Hunt's Corners in Broome county is the Rockefeller homestead and the school-house where the millionaire received his primary education. Nearby are several rose bushes. A short time ago one of the residents gathered a bouquet and sent it to Mr. Rockegathered a bouquet and sent it to Mr. Rocke-feller as a reminder of his boyhood days. A ten-dollar bill was returned as an acknowl-edgment of the gift, and this has given an impetus to a new industry. That rose bush has been slipped, transplanted and forced until several hundred carefully tended roses are the result. These will be done up into bouquets by their various owners and shipped to the millionaire at \$10 per bunch; that is, the donors will watch the mails for ten-dollar bills. Mr. Rockefeller's courtesy prom-ises to result in a deluge of roses from his boyhood home.

COLLEGE BOYS FIGHT ON A ROOF. Struggie Between Seniors and Juniors of Depaw University for a Skeleton.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 8-There was contest between seniors and juniors of Depaw University at Greencastle to-day, the scene of the strife being the roof of a four-story college building. The juniors secured a skeleton from the biological laboratory and dressing it in a senior's cap and gown placed it upon the roof and prepared to defend it against all comers. The seniors forced their way to the reof of the building and a desperate struggle followed, the strughing men at times being near the edge of the roof. The slate roofing was broken in many places. The seniors finally secured the skeleton, but not until it had been broken in pieces.

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